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SUBJECT: GOJ STATEMENTS ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE - SEPTEMBER 17

1. MONDAY MORNING GOJ SPOKESMAN DEPUTY CABINET SECRETARY GANRI YAMASHITA TOLD PRESS THAT SETTLEMENT OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME, EVEN THOUGH GOJ CONTINUES TO SEEK EARLIEST RESOLUTION IN MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO PEOPLE OF JAPAN. AFTER NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU HAD REPORTED TO GOJ SUNDAY EVENING ON HIS MOST RECENT MEETING WITH ROK PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL SEPTEMBER 15, YAMASHITA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SOLUTION UNLIKELY BEFORE FONMIN OHIRA DEPARTS TOKYO SEPTEMBER 23 TO ATTEND UNGA OPENING.

2. MONDAY AFTERNOON CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SUSUMU NIKAIDO TOLD PRESS THAT GOJ HAS NOT CHANGED POLICY OF SEEKING REASONABLE SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH JAPAN AND ROK. NIKAIDO EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAD CONVEYED GOJ POSITION TO ROK PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL AND ON RETURN TO TOKYO SUNDAY HAD INFORMED FONMIN OHIRA OF ROK POSITION THAT MORE TIME NEEDED TO SETTLE ISSUE. HOWEVER, NIKAIDO STRESSED THAT GOJ COULD NOT DELAY SETTLEMENT UNDULY BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN ROK.

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